Assistance to Tripura through Hariyali Project

1859. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a number of proposals on different projects from the Tripura Government for construction of cold storages, development of fish-market an aqua resources through 'Hariyali' programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Facility for assessing area under crops

1860. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in the process of establishing a exclusive facility for assessing the area under different crops and the production thereof, using modern technologies, before the harvest, every years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) In order to strengthen the system of crop prospects tracking, crop forecasting and early warning in agriculture, Government had set up the National Crop Forecasting Centre. The process of strengthening the crop prospects tracking system is a continuous one based on regular upgradation of methods by inducting newer technologies like remote sensing, agro meteorology, etc.